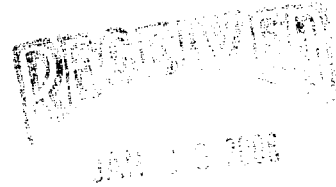


Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193



Dear Air Board-

Isn't it interesting that the very people who are most vocal about opposing the improvements, which Mirant wishes to make to the Potomac River Generating Station, are all the "new kids on the block"? Did they not look around at the existing power station before purchasing their real estate? This reminds me of the people in the Rosemont district who fought the railroad. The railroad was there long before these people came along. Another example is the battles over the airport. When anyone is buying real estate, they should take a look around and consider the realities of where they will be living.

In my forty-four years of living in the area and working for the Library of Congress I have watched these arguments go on way too long. I imagine that you couldn't agree more. It is time to put an end to this fiasco and approve the permits, which are needed by the power station so that they may provide the safest possible air quality to the citizens of Alexandria.

Because of the power station's proximity to the airport, it is not feasible for them to meet the height standards for modern power plants. Mirant plans to install a virtual stack system that will accomplish the same end result of shooting emissions to a safe level without adding height to the existing structure. I urge you to accept this proposal, which has been approved and recommended by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This compromise will allow the plant to remain open and will improve the air quality in the community.

Thank you for your help,

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